

# **UXO Center of Excellence**



# An Overview: The Unexploded Ordnance Center of Excellence

### Agenda



- Background
- Mission Execution
- Activities



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# Background

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# What is Unexploded Ordnance (UXO)?









#### **UXOCOE** Genesis



- Bosnia needs (Countermine highest USAREUR priority)
  - Bosnia Technology Integration Cell
  - Army Countermine Task Force







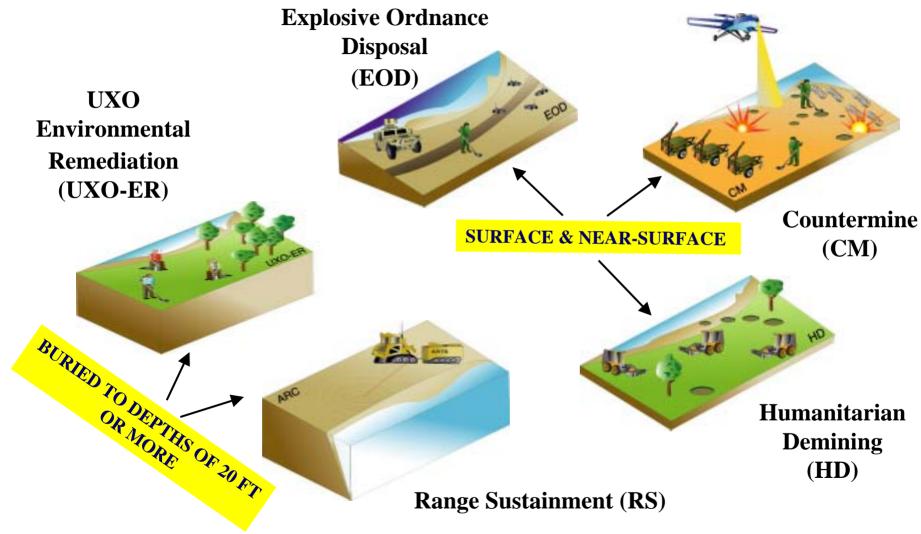


- GAO Report 95-197 Sep 95
- "A Coordinated Approach to Detection and Clearance is Needed"
- National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1995:
- "there is a need for a central authority to plan, oversee, and coordinate the R&D, and acquisition of the technology application to area ordnance clearance."

**UXO** Center of Excellence Established by USD(A&T) – May 97

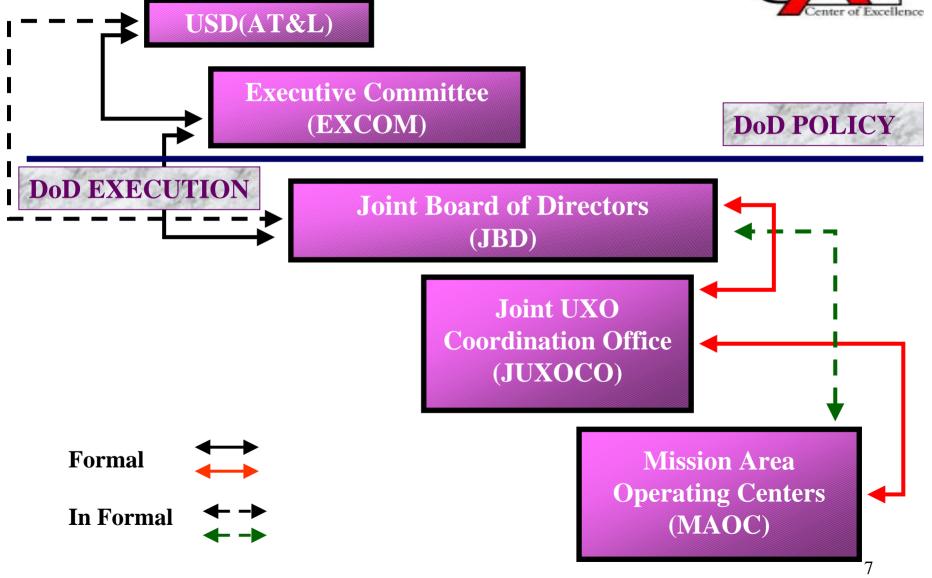
#### **DoD UXO Mission Areas**





#### **UXOCOE** Structure





## **Current UXOCOE Membership**



SECDEF	EXCOM	JBD	JUXOCO
USD (AT&L)			
D, DS	CHAIR - DR. LAMARTIN	REP - MR. SCHAEFFER	
DUSD(S&T)	REP - DR. HOLLAND	REP - DR. FOSTER	
DUSD (I&E)	REP - MR. DUBOIS	REP- MR. MEEHAN	REP - DR. AYORINDE
D, OT&E	REP - MR. CHRISTIE	REP- MR. CRISP	
USD (Policy)			
ASD (SO/LIC)	REP - MR. DOHENY	REP- MR. DOHENY	
C, JCS	REP – CDR HEINZE		
SEC ARMY	VACANT	VCHAIR - MGSTEVENSON	DIR - DR. SPITZER
SEC NAVY	VACANT	REP-MG LUST REP-MG VAN ANTWERP	
NAVY		CHAIR- RDML(S) HICKS	D/DIR - MR. HERSEY
USMC		REP- RDML(S) LEFEVER REP - Brig Gen USHER	REP - Capt BOURDON
SEC AIR FORCE	VACANT	REP - Col FADOK	REP - VACANT

# Executive Committee (EXCOM)



- Chaired by the Director, Defense Systems (D,DS).
- Senior DoD officials provide guidance and oversight to the UXOCOE through the Joint Board of Directors (JBD).
- Resolves issues not resolved by JBD and makes recommendations to USD(AT&L).

### Joint Board of Directors (JBD)



- Chaired on two-year rotational basis by the Army and the Navy (As of October 1, 2003, Navy has suspended it's participation). The Chair is from the Service opposite from the JUXOCO Director.
- Direct the day to day JUXOCO activities.
- Resolves programmatic issues among Military Departments and other DoD components.

### Joint Unexploded Ordnance Coordination Office (JUXOCO)



- Operating arm of the DoD UXOCOE.
- Coordinates within DoD's five mission areas Government Agencies, Industry, Academia, and International Organizations
  - ➤ Harmonize operational requirements with technological solutions.
  - ➤ Integrate and coordinate UXO research and development functions.
  - > Avoid duplication, promote leveraging of technologies.
  - > Develop and promote standards for testing, modeling and evaluation.
  - ➤ Produce and publish an Annual Report summarizing DoD's RDT&E activities in UXO Detection and Clearance.
  - ➤ Produce and publish biennially Strategic Science and Technology Roadmaps for UXO Detection and Clearance.

# Mission Area Operating Centers (MAOC)



- Execute and manage their respective RDT&E programs
- Support the JUXOCO by identifying:
  - > Existing RDT&E efforts.
  - > Operational shortfalls and technology gaps.
- Serve as mission area experts (RS, CM, EOD, HD & UXO-ER).



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# Mission Execution

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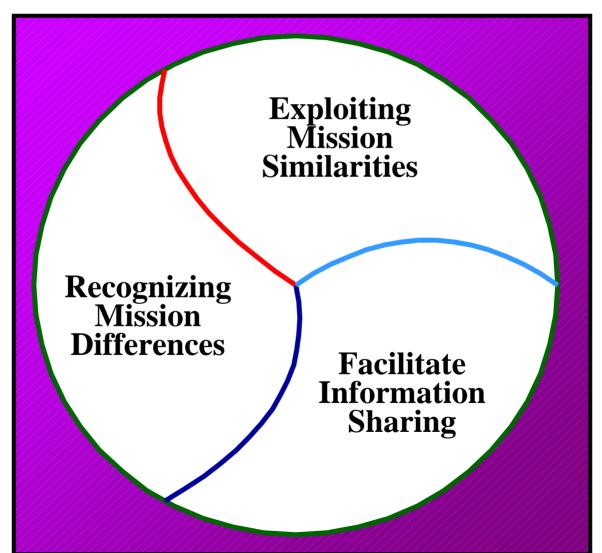
#### **UXOCOE** Mission



The UXOCOE will serve as the DoD's coordinated information clearinghouse for UXO requirements and programs; develop and promote standards for testing, modeling and evaluation; facilitate available, leveragable technologies for UXO detection and clearance; and publish an annual report summarizing the activities and accomplishments of the UXOCOE in order to improve the effectiveness and economy of UXO detection and clearance RDT&E throughout the DoD, by leveraging the efforts of other government and international agencies, academia, and industry.

#### How We Do It





## **Exploiting Mission Similarities**



Counter-Mine (CM)

Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Humanitarian Demining (HD) Environmental Remediation (UXO-ER) Range Sustainment (RS)











**CM** 



#### **Universal Similarities**

Increase Detections – Decrease False Alarms by use of:

- Signal Processing
- **Discrimination**
- > Automatic Target Recognition
- > Sensor Fusion

**UXO-ER** 

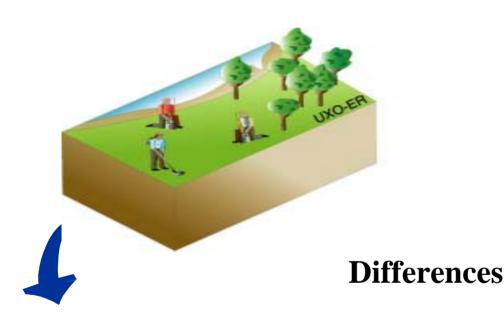


### Recognizing Mission Differences



#### **UXO-ER**

#### **COUNTERMINE**





- Metallic Targets
- Surface and Deeper Targets
- Post Processing of Detection Data
- Standard/Off-The-Shelf Hardware
- Regulatory Oversight/Acceptance

- Metallic & Non-Metallic Targets
- Near-Surface Targets
- Real Time/On-The-Fly Processing
- "Ruggedized" Detection Equipment

### **Facilitate Information Sharing**



#### **Industry Involvement**

**NAOC** 

#### **Workshops**

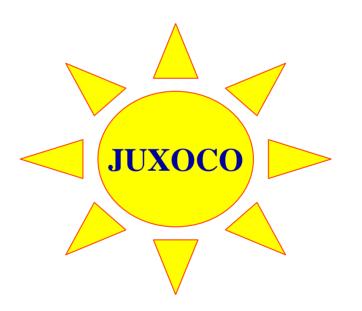
Requirements
Technologies
Test Standards
Resources

#### **International Involvement**

ABCA 5
TTCP
JRC
ITEP

#### **Interagency Involvement**

Dept. of Homeland Security
Dept. of State



#### **UXO** Database

Targets
Protocols
Formats
Technical Papers
Website

#### **Conferences & Conventions**

The UXO/CM Forum

#### **Newsletters**

NVESD Bulletin
Ordnance Explosives Environment
ACSIM Installations



# **UXO Center of Excellence**



# Activities

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#### **Activities**

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- UXOCOE Customer Outreach and Support
  - > DoD
  - ➤ Other Government Agencies
  - > Industry
  - International
- Center of Excellence for Testing
  - > Ft. A. P. Hill Data Acquisition Site
  - ➤ Standard Test protocols
  - ➤ Data Analysis/Modeling
  - ➤ Joint Airborne Wide Area Test Site (JAWATS)

#### **Activities**



- JUXOCO Sponsored Workshops and Meetings
  - ➤ Joint Board of Directors Meetings
  - ➤ Multi-University Research Initiatives
  - ➤ Improvised Explosive Device Workshop
  - ➤ UXO-ER Technology Workshop
  - ➤ UXOCOE Resource Managers Meeting
  - ➤ Sixth Annual Army Landmine Basic Research Technical Review Meeting

#### JUXOCO Web Site

- > Requirements
- > Potential Solutions
- > Reports Library
- ➤ Commercial Opportunities
- ➤ Data acquisition site scheduling
- > Sensor data archives

**UXOCOE** Web Site www.**UXOCOE**.brtrc.com

### Summary



- DoD established the UXOCOE to coordinate UXO clearance RDT&E across five diverse mission areas.
- JUXOCO the operating arm for UXOCOE is a coordination office, not a program office.
- JUXOCO emphasizes information sharing, technology comparisons, and standardized testing.